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## WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY

### FALLS CITY WILL HOLD OLDFASHIONED PICNIC AT CITY PARK

Heralding the return of prosperity the citizens have decided to celebrate the National holiday in an appropriate manner by holding a picnic at the city park Tuesday, July 4th. The subject was discussed at the council meeting on Monday night and it was agreed that the council give moral support and encourage it in every possible manner. It is now two years since Falls City has undertaken any thing of the kind and as it has always been successful in such undertakings there is no reason that this one should not be a howling success.

### PROPER SPEED FOR AUTOMOBILES

At the meeting of the council Monday night there was some discussion of the proper speed of automobiles within the city limits and it was asserted that in Dallas the limit was 15 miles. Ordinance No. 187, section 2, paragraph 16, 17 and 18 reads as follows.

16. The rate of speed on all streets, roads and highways within the corporate limits of the city of Dallas, Oregon, shall be a reasonable speed up to and not exceeding 15 miles per hour, and any speed in excess of 15 miles an hour upon any street, road or highway within the corporate limits of the city of Dallas, Oregon, shall be an unreasonable speed and is prohibited by this Ordinance, provided, however, that no motor vehicle shall be driven at a rate of speed faster than eight (8) miles an hour upon any street, road or highway within the corporate limits of the city of Dallas, Oregon, when within one hundred (100) yards of any vehicle drawn by horse or horses.

17. The rate of speed for all vehicles on all streets, roads or highways of the city of Dallas, Oregon, within the fire limits shall be a reasonable speed up to and not exceeding twelve (12) miles per hour.

18. No vehicle shall be moved, run or operated on the streets, roads or highways within the corporate limits of the city of Dallas, Oregon, by any person unable or incapable to control the same with due regard to the safety of the public and other vehicles, provided that in all cases any person in a state of intoxication is deemed conclusively incapable and unable to operate and control the same. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be deemed to be incompetent and unable to operate a motor vehicle within the meaning of this section.

### WORK ON NEW POND.

J. C. Talbott has the contract for building the new pond as well as deepening the old one. Work was commenced Tuesday morning ploughing and packing the ground for the bottom. The dirt taken from the old pond will be used in building the dike as far as it will go and the balance taken from the hill south of new pond. The work must be completed within 30 days.

### MINK KILLS 80 DUCKS.

A mink or weasel entered the duck pen of A. B. Allen, who lives west of town, Tuesday night and killed 80 half-grown ducks. The ducks were of the South American quackless breed and were very valuable.

### PETTY THIEVES AT WORK.

For some time there has been some petty thievery carried on. The property taken has been mostly articles of small value. Sometime during last week, someone entered the home of Mrs. C. Chapin, during her absence and stole a black leather purse containing about \$40 in cash and a check for \$5. There is no clue as to the guilty party or parties.

### WINS PRIZE.

At the beginning of the school term last year the Simonds Manufacturing Co., of Fitchburg, Mass., offered prizes to the manual training departments throughout the United States for the best articles made of wood. The contestants were to be of the ages of 14 and 18 years of age. Edward Warren of this city won fourth prize on a writing desk.

### AUCTIONING OFF A WIFE.

Last Case of a Once Rather Common Custom in England.

It was long a popular belief among the ignorant in England that if a man sold his wife at public auction such a sale had all the legality of a regular divorce. The latest case of the kind on record occurred in 1832.

John Thompson, a farmer, had been married for three years, and he and his wife agreed to separate. Thompson brought his wife into the town of Carlisle, and by the bellman announced he was about to sell her.

At midday Thompson placed his wife on a large oak chair with a rope or halter of straw about her neck. He then made this announcement: "Gentlemen, I have to offer to your notice my wife, Mary Anne Thompson, otherwise Williams, whom I mean to sell to the highest and fairest bidder. It is her wish as well as mine to part forever."

"She has been to me only a born serpent. I took her for my comfort, the good of my home. But she became my tormentor, a domestic curse, a night invasion and a daily devil."

"I speak truth from my heart when I say: 'May God deliver us from troublesome wives and frolicsome women! Avoid them as you would a mad dog, a roaring lion, a loaded pistol, cholera morbus, Mount Etna or any other pestilential thing in nature.'"

"Now, I have shown you of her dark faults and failings. I will introduce the bright and sunny side of her and explain her qualifications and goodness. She can read novels and milk cows. She can laugh and weep with the same ease that you could take a glass of ale when thirsty. Indeed, gentlemen, she reminds me of what the poet says of women in general:

"Heaven gave to women the peculiar grace  
To laugh, to weep, to cheat the human race."

"She can make butter and scold the maid. She can sing Moore's melodies and plait her folds and caps. She can not make rum, gin or whisky, but she is a good judge of the quality of each from long experience in tasting them. I therefore offer her, with all her perfections and imperfections, for the sum of 50 shillings."

The woman was finally sold to one Henry Mears for the sum of 20 shillings and a Newfoundland dog. Man and wife parted in perfect good temper, Mears and the woman going one way, Thompson and the dog another.—Boston Transcript.

Woodrow Wilson was nominated on the Democratic ticket Thursday with one dissenting vote. He has dictated his platform which is particularly bitter against foreign born citizens who have opposed his administration.

Governor Withycombe issued paroles Tuesday for eight convicted of larceny, five of obtaining money under false pretenses, one for robbery, one for burglary, two for assault with a dangerous weapon and two for assault with intent to kill.

It might be interesting to know under what pretense of the public good, Governor Withycombe pardons convicts with the condition that they stay away from the state. Should all states adopt that method of disposing of their undesirable citizens there would be a great howl go up.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The council met Monday night in an adjourned session with all members present except those absent. The meeting was so harmonious that it reminded us of an old-fashioned Republican love feast. The spirit of Ford seemed to be hovering around and even Selig favored an ordinance to control the gyrations of speeding automobiles.

In view of such placid harmony and coming prosperity it was decided to encourage and give sanction to a Fourth of July celebration. It is probable that the candidates will furnish the eloquence, the city the wet-goods. There will be sports, baseball, football and the babies will bawl. There will be the long and the short, the fat and the lean and there is no reason why Falls City should not wake up the echoes and let the little villages of Dallas and Independence come over and have a real good time.

The electric light ordinance was put on its first reading, and although some changes were urged there seems to be a light breaking through and it really looks as if it might be passed before the summer wanes. It was decided to send the ordinance to Walter L. Tooze, Jr., to get an expert opinion as to whether it had any concealed weapons or jokers in its clothes.

Pat Murphy tendered his resignation as city marshal to take effect July 1. Whether the threatened Fourth of July celebration with its great crowds had any thing to do with his resignation was not stated. The council had such faith in world's peace that they decided it is a piece of gross extravagance to keep a city marshal, when there was nothing to do but to watch the little "sputts" of dust as automobiles whisked by, mind the flies off the cows grazing on the sidewalks and ring the curfew.

The meeting was adjourned to meet Monday night, June 26.

### BETLES WEAR EMBLEMS

Masonic and Other Marks Found on Strange Species.

Baker, Or., June 10.—Beetles bearing Masonic and other markings that have proved a puzzle to the Carnegie institute, have been found by Fred Steen, of the Steen mine, in the Cornucopia district. The insects are of the general type of the longhorned wood-borer but, according to the Carnegie institute to which specimens were sent, there is an apparent variation from any hitherto known species.

The backs are black, and the markings are traced as though in white ink. Some markings form a combination of letters and arabic numerals. Many have the marking "V U 6." Others have the Masonic emblems of square and compass plainly discernible.

A Portland furniture company has agents traveling over the country selling furniture, carpets, etc. One was in Falls City this week. It is up to the merchants here to compete with them. In all probabilities the merchants of Falls City are selling just as cheap if not cheaper, but they fail to tell the people what they have and the price. It is useless for the merchant to say, "Oh, the people know I carry the goods, and if they want them they can come and get them," for you have got to keep everlastingly after them. Therein lies the success of the mail order people.

### RETURNING PROSPERITY.

The nomination of Chas. E. Hughes for president on the Republican ticket and the refusal of Col. Roosevelt to run on the Progressive ticket has restored confidence to the people of this nation, and we can confidently expect a returning wave of prosperity.

Assured of Republican success in November, capital will come out of the storm cellars in which it has taken refuge while the Wilson scourge has been sweeping across the continent and business will begin to revive in all parts of the country. The wage earners in the eastern munition factories have realized that their prosperity is abnormal and paid for in the blood of human beings, the destruction of thousands of happy homes and enslaving the survivors for generations to come. They also realize that should the war cease that their labor will no longer be needed and thousands will be out of employment without hope for the future under a Democratic administration. In the election of Chas. E. Hughes and the return to the time tested and time proved policies of the great Republican party they see a hope of the rebuilding of the structure so nearly wrecked through Democratic extravagance, and incompetence. That it will take time to repair the havoc wrought by the Wilson administration there is no doubt, but with the assurance of ultimate reward the beacon of hope sheds bright rays of light leading them on to victory.

It seems that the people of the United States have to be taught a lesson every few years; with continued prosperity they become like he who, "Having reached the top, turning scorns the ladder by which he did ascend." Scorning the Republican party as the party for the best interests of the greatest number they wandered away after false gods and have been glad, even as the prodigal son, to eat husks with the swine. The Cleveland Calamity is remembered by many and about the only difference in it and the Wilson malady is the latter has been relieved to some extent by the European war. The Wilson administration will be repudiated by one of the greatest landslides for Hughes in the history of presidential elections.

The refusal of Col. Roosevelt to run on the Progressive ticket is the blow that "killed daddy" so far as the Democratic party is concerned. They have been placing their trust, not in Wilson's strength, but in the weakness hoped for by an expected split in the Republican party. That the differences have been settled and the party re-united is a cruel blow to Wilson. The Democratic leaders are willing, to so form their platform as to inveigle the Progressives into the Democratic harem.

### NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION

By virtue of a writ of execution against the real property hereinafter described, duly issued by the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon, on the 17th day of May, 1916, and to me, the undersigned sheriff of said County directed, for the enforcement of a decree of foreclosure and sale given and made by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for said County of Polk on the 16th day of May, 1916, in a certain suit in the said Court wherein John T. Hughes was plaintiff and Alvah G. Lineback, Rida Lineback, Alex. Christ, Rina Christ, Walter L. Tooze and Phil Arthur were defendants, (Register No. 4813), which de-

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cree was given in favor of said plaintiff and requires the payment of certain sums of money, viz., \$637.58, with interest thereon at eight per cent per annum from May 16, 1916, until paid, I am commanded to sell at public auction in the manner prescribed by law the following described real property, to-wit:

That tract or parcel of land, being a part of the Donation Land Claim of John Sheldon and wife, Notification No. 6832, Claim No. 41, in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point which is 32.00 chains South and 25.00 chains West from the North east corner of said Claim; thence South 18.80 chains; thence West 5.00 chains; thence North 18.80 chains; thence East 5.00 to the place of beginning, containing 9.40 acres, more or less; subject, however, to the right of the public to travel and use, as an

open and unobstructed roadway, a strip of land 20 feet wide off the North side of said parcel of land; and excepting therefrom the 40 ft. strip of land released for railroad purposes, as described in an instrument executed by W. H. Boals and recorded on page 428 of volume 3 of the Record of Satisfaction of Mortgages of said County.

Notice is hereby given that on MONDAY, the 19th day of June, 1916, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Dallas, in said County, I will sell the real property hereinabove described at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on day of sale, subject to redemption in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of satisfying the said decree, with interest and costs of sale.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1916.

JOHN W. ORR,  
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.